



Parua Bay School

"Success Through Effort"

"Ma te mahi ka matou"

Newsletter – 28th February 2017

Term 1, Week 5

Kia ora koutou whanau

What a great week of participation and high level competition swimming we have witnessed at Parua Bay School throughout the last week. Many thanks and congratulations must go out to Christian Reynolds, Gail Green and Whaea Rai for the exemplary organisation, co-ordination and running of all swimming sports days this past week. Not only was there a wonderful wairua around both the "Fun participation" and Competitive swimming days, but there was also great team spirit and individual flair. We truly have some wonderful swimmers in the school, and I wish every Parua Bay School student the best of luck next week at the W.P.S.S.A. competition at Whangarei Intermediate School.

Next Wednesday 8 March at 6.00 p.m. in the Hall, Parua Bay School staff will be holding a dual purpose meeting. One focus is the "Collaborative Learning Journey", which will serve as a general information evening as well as an opportunity to voice any concerns or queries. The other purpose is an Information evening about our "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme. I wrote at length in last week's newsletter about our "collaborative journey" - the meeting next week has been organised primarily to address the negative responses from last year's survey from parents. Although we had extremely positive results from students and staff at the end of 2016's survey, we feel it is vital to gain parent confidence, so that we can all be travelling in the same waka and in the same direction. So please come along to this meeting with an open mind to share more information and clarity about the learning journey for your children at Parua Bay School.

Our Year 1 students (Rooms 3 & 4) will be holding Parent / Teacher Conferences on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March, please see separate notice regarding booking appointments on line.

Student Led Conferences for the rest of the school will be on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March see notice below for booking appointments on line.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the W.P.S.S.A. swimming championships at Whangarei Intermediate School on Tuesday 7 March.

Nga mihi ra

Danny Jewell

Upcoming Events

Monday 6 th March	Y4 Zoned Swimming Championships with Whangarei Heads School -10.30am (selected students only)
Tuesday 7 th March	Y4-8 WPSSA Swimming at Whangarei Intermediate school (selected students only)
Wednesday 8 th March	Collaborative meeting/Keeping Ourselves Safe - 6.00-7.30pm
Tuesday 14 th -16 th March	New entrant conference (after 6 weeks at school) 3-6pm Friends of Parua Bay School (PTA) 1 st Meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 16 th March	Y3 Camp Year 6-8 Triathlon 10-12.30pm
Tuesday 21 st March	Y4-6 WPSSA Summer Sports
Thursday 23 rd March	Y2 Camp Lit Quiz Y0-1 Beach clean up
Tuesday 4 th April	Y7-8 WPSSA Summer Sports Whanau Hui @ School 4.00pm
Tuesday 28 th March -29 th March	Student Led Conferences at Parua Bay School
Thursday 13 th April	End of Term 1



Be Safe, Be Seen - Slow Down

There are long term plans afoot with the Ministry of Education and the local council to solve traffic congestion problems at Parua Bay School. These problems are evident every day at 2.45 p.m. when buses, cars, parents and pedestrians all converge towards the front gates of Parua Bay School. This plan will hopefully give us a safer bus transportation route, more car parking options for parents and staff of the school, the Kindergarten and the Play Centre and a safe pedestrian walkway from the school to various exit and parking points. However, this plan is still very much in its infancy; so it is imperative that all parents heed the following safety advice:

- Drive with exceptional care around the school vicinity
- Don't walk through the staff car park
- Children must not cross the road without an adult
- If parking opposite the school, please walk with your child back to your car.
- Please don't park in the Kindergarten or Play Centre car parks, unless using them to drop off children.
- Please encourage your children to be safe at all times at the end of the school day
- Please leave service station access free.



Parent / Teacher Conferences (Year 0/1 - Room 3 & 4)

Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th,
& Thursday 16th March
3.00 - 6.00pm

Book your child's parent/teacher interview
on line now!

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Use the event code: **bbh2x**

Student Led Conferences (Year 2 - 8)

Tuesday 28th March - 3.00 to 7.00pm
Wednesday 29th March - 3.00 to 5.30pm

Book your student led conference
on line now!

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Use the event code: **ms2av**

School Lunches PIZZA - Thursday



Cheese, Cheese & Ham and Salami \$6.00

REMEMBER!

Fast food lunches Tuesday
and Thursday only!



T-shirts, caps and bucket hats



T-shirts and hats are now available to purchase.

Please note :

Parua Bay School t-shirts are compulsory for all year levels when attending activities outside of school.

Years 4-8, t-shirts will need to be worn for all summer sports events - starting next week!

The cost of the t-shirt is \$15.00 and the hats are \$10.00 (there is a choice of either a peak cap or bucket hat). Both the t-shirts and hats can be purchased and collected at the office.

Board of Trustees Report February 2017

James Buckland has been re-elected unopposed as Chairperson of Parua Bay School Board of Trustees for 2017. After Christian Reynold's resignation from the board last year, we welcome Helen Smith who has been selected as the Staff Representative on the board.

Enrolment Scheme

The initial draft zone was considered in our December meeting and suggestion was made that the zone be widened. A revised draft has now included the suggested expansion and Danny Jewell and James Buckland have driven the proposed boundaries to ensure they are clearly identifiable. The board confirmed that the new draft is acceptable and we will now write to the Ministry for approval to begin the process of consultation with our community.

Annual Report 2016

The principal's Annual Report covered the implementation of collaborative teaching and learning processes at PBS. It also noted the excellent progress made towards our Maths goal of '80% of all students to achieve at/above National Standards for Mathematics'. We came very close to achieving this goal with 79.5%, representing a substantial increase of 6.5% on 2015's results. For Writing, we achieved 76.4% students at/above National Standards. For Reading, 78.2% of students achieved at/above National Standards. The report also included the steps made to provide a differentiated model of education that will cater for all students at PBS. These included Accelerated programmes, and identification of Gifted and Talented students and Priority Learners.

Charter 2017

During the School holidays the board met to review and accept the 2017 Charter. Our 2017 Annual Plan Goals are:

- To reduce the gap between boys' and girls' achievement levels in writing
- To build capacity amongst all teachers to teach Te Reo Maori within the classroom
- To consolidate further collaborative teaching and learning practices at PBS, effectively utilising flexible learning spaces

In summary, our school's strategic goals for 2017 are:

- Improve achievement levels for all students through collaborative teaching and learning practices
- Enhance Te Reo and Tikanga Maori engagement within PBS and the wider community
- Reduce PBS environmental footprint
- Effectively manage roll growth at PBS

Roll Growth and Future Needs

The board has written to the Minister of Education outlining our frustrations with the slow progress with our new classrooms and our concerns for safety regarding the current parking and bus turning areas. We have also asked for more assistance for the next phase of building work, and that they will provide more urgent support in response to our rapid roll growth.

Currently, it is hoped that the four new classrooms will be operational by term 3. This will mean that we will have a library again.

Principal's Report

Danny outlined a new approach for this year with Action Teams involving all teachers in one of four key areas. Staff will analyse and monitor progress in the following areas:

- Boy's Writing
- Collaborative Teaching and Learning practices
- Environment (This will include a focus on our playgrounds, especially the establishment of a junior playground area)
- Production

Hazel Smith has commenced Accelerated Learning with selected groups of students this term. The aim of these groups is to expedite the learning of these students so that they are achieving "At" the National Standard for that particular area. There will be accelerated groups for reading, writing and mathematics. Priority Learners who are achieving below the National Standard at reading, writing or mathematics will be also identified in each class and be monitored closely.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday 4 April.

School Karakia

Last week we gave you a translation of our school Karakia that we were lucky enough to have written for us by one of our parents. This week we wanted to let you know a little more about the meaning.

Haruru ana te tai a Ihu waka,

The tides rumble at Ihu waka.

Ihu waka (the nose of the waka) is the furthestmost point at Taiharuru. There is a huge cavity at the very point. Legend says Ihu Waka is a sacred place of Te Waiariki. It is a place that our taniwha, the giant Stingray dwells. He only comes out to fore warn the tribe of invading hostilities, or if there are events in the tribe that are not good. When he does come out, he causes the whole place to shudder and rumble to let everyone know that he is getting ready to pay a visit.

This is about acknowledging that there will be times in the student's school journey where they may encounter some difficult learning situations.

Marino ana te tai i roto,

The tide within the waka and estuary is calm. This is saying that although learning at school can be tricky, the waters are calm, and the teachers are supportive.

Ko te te kina te mango te patiki, nga kai o nga rangatira

The kina the shark and the flounder are the food of champions. This compares children to champions, thriving on the food of knowledge.

Hui e?

Do you support what I say ?

Taiki e!

Yes unanimously

FANTASTIC GYMNASTICS 2017

fun and fitness for children of all ages

recreational
competitive tumbling
NEW kindy class
playgym

WHERE Parua Bay Community Centre
WHEN Monday - Thursday afternoons
CONTACT call/text 0276659174
hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz

MANAIA HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Year 2-6 Students for all old and new players this **SUNDAY 5 MARCH**

1-3pm at Parua Bay Community Centre

Any questions, contact Roz on lewisoshea@gmail.com

NORTHERN REGIONAL FINAL

WHANGAREI 18 MARCH 2017

AgriKids NZ

ENTER NOW

For more information head to agrikidsnz.co.nz to enter

Top 3 teams go through to Grand Final 7 July 2017 Manawatu

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Sports

Manaia Hockey

Registration for our junior hockey club is on Sunday 5 March 1-3pm at the Parua Bay Community Centre. Please come and sign your kids up on that day. We are also looking for more coaches and managers so come and join our fantastic club.

Any other questions please contact Roz on lewisoshea@gmail.com

Bay Tigers Football Club is now open for new and returning players.

For registrations please visit:

<http://bit.ly/BTFC-registration-form>

REGISTRATION DAY ON SUNDAY THE 5TH OF MARCH BETWEEN 10AM AND 11.30AM AT PARUA BAY SCHOOL.



We also would like to hear from anyone interested in coaching and/or training one of our teams.

For more information contact Annelies

annelies.struijken@gmail.com 0211393014 or Adam 4340810

FUTSAL IS HERE!

WHY PLAY FUTSAL?

- Caters to boys and girls of all abilities
 - No cancellations due to weather!
- Dramatically increases skill, agility, speed, quick decision making & confidence
 - It's fun - Kids love it!

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone aged 8 - 15 years old

WHEN & WHERE?

Term time 2017

Choose one or more of the following:

TUESDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

WEDNESDAY: KAMO HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEAR OLDS)

FRIDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

CONTACT:

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Manaia "Makos" Junior Rugby League Club

PLAY LEAGUE IN 2017

Calling all future kiwi league stars. Manaia Junior Rugby League Club invites you to register your interest as a player for the 2017 season. The season gets underway on SUNDAY the 26th March at the Otaika Sports Grounds (Blue goose fields) and are played at the same time each week. All grades play in boots and play tackle.

The age grades and playing times are :

7's, turning 7 or Under in 2017	Games start 9am
9's, turning 8 or 9 in 2017	Games start 9am
11's turning 10 or 11 in 2017	Games start 10am
13's turning 12 or 13 in 2017	Games start 10am



Visit our facebook page at Manaia Junior Rugby League Club

Or Call the coaches/managers for more information.



REGISTRATION DAY:
When: Sunday 26th Feb Registration at 11, followed by free sausage sizzle then some fun games.
Where: Manaia community fields, behind Parua Bay Community Centre.
SUBS \$30 per child
(includes a mouth guard and socks)

7's	Caleb Piggott 436 2880/0212220721
9's	Caleb Piggott 436 2880/0212220721
11's	James Caldwell 0274942079
13's	Brett Yakas 021 844 109



SKYCITY MYSTICS COMMUNITY DAY



Meet the 2017 SKYCITY Mystics and take part in skills and drills with your favourite players, plus lots of other fun FutureFerns activities.

When: Sunday 5 March
Time: 10am - 12pm
Where: Whangarei Netball Centre

This is a FREE event so bring your friends and family!



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